



228 Grove Street, East Berlin

1896

Dr. George W. Lawrence (1857-1924), a farmer, & Carrie (1865-1937)

Victorian

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 048

1896 George W. Lawrence current owner: Sandra King Victorian

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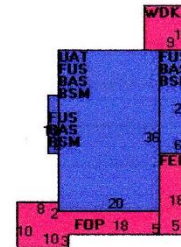
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Sketch

1896 current owner: Sandra King 2 stories

Genealogy

Dr. George Lawrence (1857-1924), son of Alexander Lawrence and Catherine Gallagher was born in Farmington. He married in 1891 to Carrie (1865-1937). They had 2 children, only one, Etta, lived to adulthood. He was a farmer with considerable land holdings inherited from his father. In 1880 the family lived at 18 Main Street, East Berlin. In 1886 the family moved to 228 Grove Street, East Berlin. They were buried in Wilcox Cemetery.



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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#048

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
		George W. Lawrence House (1)	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Berlin	East Berlin	Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17-4/151A/29	
228 Grove Street			
4. OWNER(S)			
King, Sandra R. " " East Berlin -6-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN			
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Victorian Vernacular		1896	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) foundation			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon			
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		26' x 36'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? (Alterations) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site			
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
One of the least altered of a row of Victorian houses.			

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17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION

The George W. Lawrence House has a three-bay front with a right entry and shallow left and right ells. A one-story, shallow-roofed porch wraps from the right corner of the house, and at the left corner forms a small hip-roofed pavilion. It has turned posts, simple curved post brackets, and a cut-out slat rail suggesting turned balusters. The door is original, with a single large light over panels. Windows are fitted with 1-over-1 sash. Gable peaks on front and sides feature modified-sawtooth shingles and partial cornice returns. The front peak also has a round-headed attic light. The left elevation has a later exterior brick chimney.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Architecturally, the George W. Lawrence House is significant as a well-preserved example of the Victorian Vernacular style, which is distinguished by extensive use of the decorative woodwork made affordable by 19th-century advances in wood-shaping technology. Typical features present here include the porch details and the decorative shingles in the gable peak.

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

